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Mr Rob Fairs MP
Member for Bass

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Dear ~~Mr~~ ^{Rob}Fairs

On 24 March 2026 you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

Bridport Road is a key link to the north-east of the state, including for the road freight and heavy vehicle sector. Can you please update the House on what is planned in terms of upgrades for Bridport Road and when the works will begin?

The government has developed designs to upgrade Bridport Road between Bridport and Bell Bay to improve freight efficiency and safety. The upgrades include road widening, road repairs, slope improvement, and turning lanes at junctions to improve road user safety. The priority locations and improvements include:

- Bridport Road / Industry Road junction – road widening and installation of a left turn lane for Industry Road
- Industry Road to Pipers River Road – improvements to the road camber (road slope), along with road widening between Industry Road and Pipers River Road
- Bridport Road / Pipers River Road / Back Creek Road – road widening and installation of left and right turn lanes at Pipers River Road, and a right turn lane at Back Creek Road and the Pipers River General Store.
- Bridport Road / Weymouth Road junction – installation of a left turn lane for Weymouth Road.

The program will be rolled out in stages and construction will begin in mid-2026.

Further design work is also continuing on other sections of Bridport Road to widen the road and improve the uneven surface along sections of the highway. The locations being developed are between East Tamar Highway to Dalrymple Road junctions and between Jarvis Link and Little Forester River.

We are also investigating further efficiency opportunities by joining efforts and funds with the Freight Capacity Upgrade Program team, to widen the road shoulders on an additional section of the road identified as requiring repairs. This potential future site is located between Jarvis Link and Little Forester River near Bridport for a length of about 4.5km.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kerry Vincent', written in a cursive style.

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport